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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2839
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Tomohiro WAKABAYASHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/705,233

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Confirmation No.: 3543

Examiner: Thanh Tam T. LE

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For: FERRULE AND OPTICAL COUPLING STRUCTURE USING THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-10 presently stand rejected. Claim 1 and 2 are independent claims.

As an initial matter, the Examiner has not indicated that the replacement drawing filed on November 9, 2004 is accepted. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate that the replacement drawing is accepted.